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MANDATORY REVIEW DATE 09/09/03

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the transportation of inmates from institutions to the community for routine and emergency medical care.

To set forth guidelines on the medical requirements for the transfer of inmates within the Nevada Department of Corrections to appropriate community medical facilities or health care providers.

AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131

NRS 209.331

NRS 450B.237

RESPONSIBILITY

All Department medical and custody staff are responsible to have knowledge of and comply with this regulation.

Medical staff is responsible to have procedures to ensure that inmates who are in need of medical care, beyond the resources available in the institution, as determined by the Health Care Professional or Mid-Level Practitioner, receive the needed care.

DEFINITIONS

MEDICAL EMERGENCY – An accident, injury, or manifestation of an illness that threatens or potentially threatens loss of life or limb.

APPLICABILITY

This regulation applies to situations in which inmates are in need of health care services not available at institutions or facilities and must be transported to community health care providers under appropriate security provisions to a location where such care is available.

PROCEDURES

432.01 ROUTINE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION OF INMATES

1.1 Each institution will have arrangements with an outside medical facility to provide medical services on a 24 hour a day basis (**3-4356**).

1.2 Each institution/facility will maintain procedures for the method of transporting inmates to community hospitals.

1.3 It is the responsibility of the Director of Nursing Services/designee to schedule outside medical appointments and to coordinate transportation to and from the appointment with central transportation and/or institutional staff.

1.4 During times of heavy transportation requirements, i.e., court appearances, transfers between institutions, it may be necessary to reschedule non-essential medical appointments to make maximum usage of transportation resources.

1.4.1 It is the sole responsibility of Medical Division staff to make the determination of which appointments are essential and which appointments are to be rescheduled.

1.4.2 Inmate appointments deemed essential by the Medical Division staff will be kept on the scheduled date and time.

1.5 A transportation order (DOC Form 2042) must be completed for every inmate being transported for medical reasons. Only the Warden, Associate Wardens, Facility Manager or Administrative Officer of the Day (AOD) can approve the transportation order.

1.6 When possible, transportation will be in a screened, radio equipped state vehicle.

1.7 Whenever it becomes necessary to transfer an inmate who is considered violent, a high escape risk, or who is classified as maximum custody out of the institution for any outside medical treatment, the following precautions must be strictly adhered to:

1.7.1 The transfer must have the prior approval of the Warden, Associate Warden or the AOD.

1.7.2 The medical condition of the inmate must be serious and the need for outside medical care documented and presented to the Warden, Associate Warden or the AOD by Medical Division staff.

1.7.3 The Associate Warden of Operations must be notified of the move and is responsible for assuring that adequate security measures are taken during the inmate's absence from the institution (**3-4360**).

1.8 All of the procedures outlined in the Administrative Regulation 430, Procedures, for Transporting Inmates, will be strictly adhered to when transporting inmates

432.02 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION OF INMATES

1.1 All emergency medical transfers are made only by ambulance or Care Flight to the appropriate emergency room or trauma center (**3-4360**).

1.2 Each institution/facility will utilize the outside medical facility for emergency services and major surgical services on a 24-hour a day basis as determined by the Medical Director/designee (**3-4350**)

1.3 Institutions/facilities will develop and maintain written plans for providing emergency medical care at any location within the institution/facility, specifying method and route of transportation of inmates to and from the hospital.

1.4 The decision to call an ambulance or Care Flight is the responsibility of the Medical Division staff. In the absence of an on-duty nurse, it will be the judgment of the shift commander. In all cases, the shift commander will be notified and it is the responsibility of the shift commander to ensure that the call is placed for an ambulance or Care Flight by either medical staff or the shift commander.

1.5 Inmates in need of emergency medical care will not be transported in a State vehicle or by any means other than an ambulance or Care Flight.

1.6 The Warden, Associate Warden of Operations or AOD must be notified by the Shift Commander in the event an emergency medical transfer of an inmate who is considered violent, high escape risk, or who is classified to maximum custody.

1.6.1 The medical emergency must be verified by medical staff on duty.

1.6.2 The transfer of the inmate will not be delayed pending this notification.

1.6.3 A Transportation Order (DOC Form 2042) will be completed. The senior officer on duty may authorize the transport

1.6.4 The Associate Warden of Operations must be notified of the move and is responsible for assuring that adequate security measures are taken during the inmate's absence from the institution (**3-4360**).

REFERENCES

ACA Standards 3-4350, 3-4356, 3-4360

ATTACHMENTS

DOC-2042 Transportation Order

Jackie Crawford, Director

Date

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Yes

No

THIS PROCEDURE SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WRITTEN PROCEDURES ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT.